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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CHRISTMAS DAY TERROR ATTEMPT

"X-Ray Failure"

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (1-11) notes:  
".....one of Obama's challenges is to reconcile the demands of war  
and civil rights.....The main problem still is to secure the U.S.  
as being 'one step ahead of the opponent.' This advantage won't be  
reached with airport barriers....but on the information  
front....."

"Principles that we used to love - and the practice"

Article in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (1-9) by Clovis Rossi: "...in  
a world where leaders seldom take responsibility for any type of  
problem in their administration; [Obama's Thursday speech] was an  
incentive. ...Yes it was rhetoric, but it is always better than  
blaming [someone else]....another part of the speech is equally  
pleasing [where he talked about making sacrifices to freedom in the  
name of security]....It is a pity that reality is a lot  
different.....The open question is whether Obama will be able to  
harmonize the war against terrorism with the preservation of an  
open society."  
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